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PAYMENT TO THE OPCW

This is CWC-122-04.

11. (SBU) When PDAS Frank Record visited recently, it was particularly important that he brought the news that Washington had finally cleared payment of 9.4 million Euros to the OPCW. The organization was beginning to feel the pinch of the late U.S. payment, and Director-General Pfirter was most relieved to receive word of this partial payment of both our assessed contribution and other obligations.

12. (SBU) No one, especially the Director-General, doubts that the U.S. will eventually pay its 15.1 million Euro assessed contribution for this year as well as other obligations. However, you need to be aware of the negative impact of such very late payments to our efforts to enhance the OPCW contribution to U.S. security policy. It was notable and encouraging that in the vast majority of the record number of opening statements at this week's Executive Council meeting, delegations emphasized the important contribution the OPCW is making in the effort to combat the spread of WMD and the role such work plays in the global campaign against terrorism. In my own statement, I added the point that the OPCW's work significantly promotes the goals of UNSCR 1540.

13. (SBU) However, it is increasingly untenable to have the U.S. provide strong statements of support for the work of the OPCW, and then not provide promised obligatory funding. If we believe the OPCW does make a contribution to our global anti-terrorism and nonproliferation efforts, and we want to continue to push the organization to do more in these areas, then we need to make certain that future funding is assured on a timely basis so that U.S. credibility is not put in question. Other delegations obviously are fully aware of the U.S. payment record. The opening statements made by Japan and the European Union (through the Dutch delegation) made explicit reference to the need for full and timely payment of assessed contributions, a point raised by numerous other delegations. It was painfully obvious to all that the U.S. was in the cross-hairs.

14. (SBU) I know one of Under Secretary Grossman's favorite sayings is "don't bring me problems, bring me solutions." The reason I am raising this issue with you is to ask for your assistance in working to find a solution so that we can avoid a repetition of this year's painfully late payment that is having an impact on the operations at the OPCW. In particular, I would ask for your consideration in determining how to set up a mechanism that would give priority to national security organizations. That could entail a separate account for "security organizations" being set up within the Commerce Justice State appropriation. However, I am certainly not wedded to that particular fix, and am open to any suggestions from you or your staff. Ultimately, what I hope we together can arrange is an appropriate mechanism that could ensure more prompt and full payment of our obligations to the OPCW.

15. (SBU) I will be seeing you in Washington on October 20-21, and would like to discuss this urgent matter with you and members of your staff. Once again, I appreciate all the work you and PDAS Record did to ensure the first amount of U.S. funding reached the OPCW, and I would ask for your support to guarantee that such damage to U.S. interests does not occur again.

16. (U) Javits sends.  
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